

Senate Bill 257

By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act to abolish the present model of compensating the sheriff of Twiggs County,  
2 Georgia, known as the fee system, approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2546), as  
3 amended, particularly by an Act approved March 31, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5140), an Act  
4 approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4917), and an Act approved March 12, 2015 (Ga.  
5 L. 2015, p. 4041), so as to change the manner of fixing salary adjustments or allowance of  
6 the sheriff and employees of the sheriff's office; to provide an effective date; to provide for  
7 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to abolish the present model of compensating the sheriff of Twiggs County, Georgia,  
11 known as the fee system, approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2546), as amended,  
12 particularly by an Act approved March 31, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5140), an Act approved  
13 April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4917), and an Act approved March 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p.  
14 4041), is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Section 2 as follows:

15 "(1) On or after the effective date of this subsection, when the Board of Commissioners  
16 of Twiggs County make a cost-of-living adjustment or a cost-of-living allowance, also  
17 known as a 'COLA', to the compensation of county employees, the base salary of the  
18 sheriff provided in subsection (a) of this section, plus any previous adjustments which  
19 have been received by the sheriff under this paragraph after the effective date of this  
20 paragraph, shall receive the same COLA. For the purposes of this section, a COLA must  
21 be designated as such by the Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County, and shall be  
22 limited to a percentage increase in the employees' compensation for the specific purpose  
23 of covering the cost of inflation, which influences the cost of living expenses such as rent,  
24 food, gas, and clothing. The Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County shall have the  
25 sole discretion as to the amount, if any, of a COLA."

**SECTION 2.**

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 9 as follows:

"(d) On or after the effective date of this subsection, when the Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County make a cost-of-living adjustment or a cost-of-living allowance, also known as a 'COLA', to the compensation of county employees, the compensation of the employees of the sheriff's office shall receive the same COLA. For the purposes of this section, a COLA must be designated as such by the Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County, and shall be limited to a percentage increase in the employees' compensation for the specific purpose of covering the cost of inflation, which influences the cost of living expenses such as rent, food, gas, and clothing. The Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County shall have the sole discretion as to the amount, if any, of a COLA."

**SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which it is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.